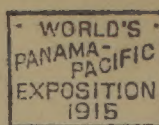


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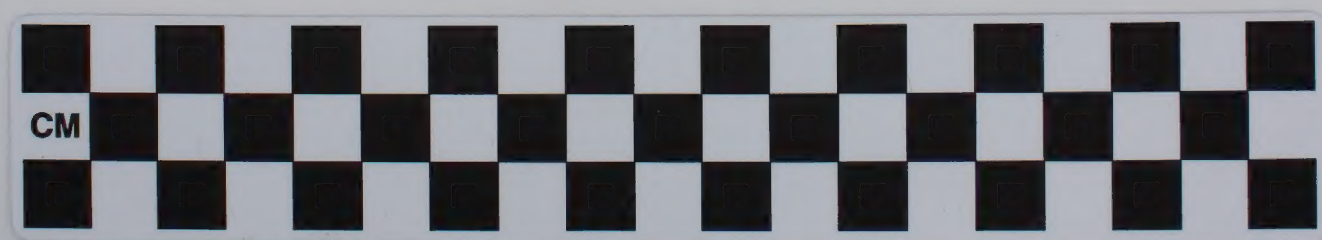
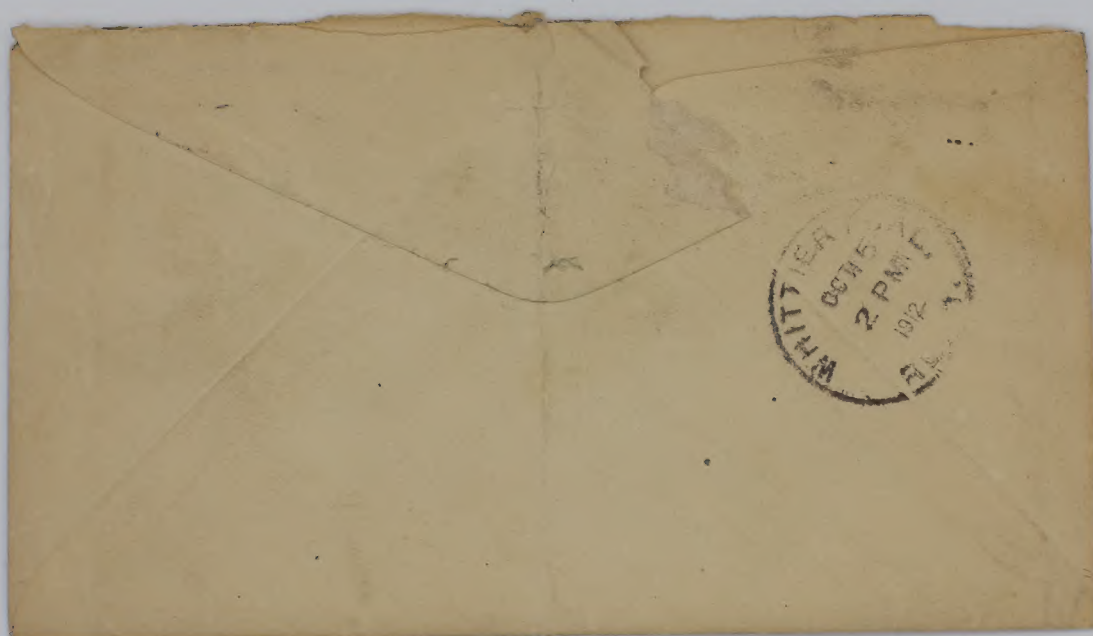
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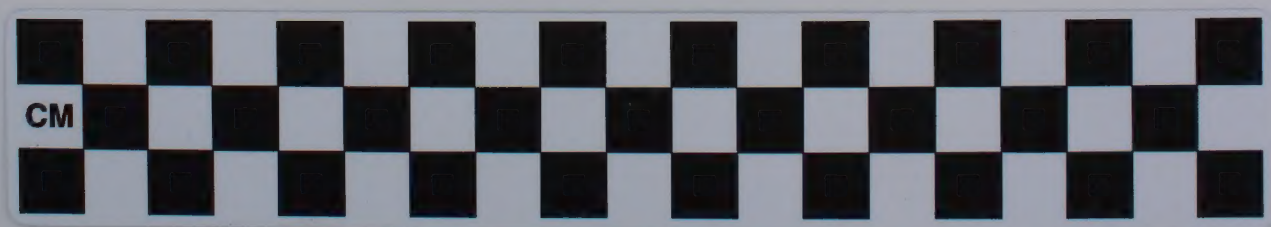
Dec. 4. 1912

My dear Aunt Sade

My Cousin Amy:-

yesterday I rec'd  
my precious package which you  
sent me & I am so pleased  
with the quilt and tickled to  
death with that dear little old  
pitcher. I can remember that  
as long as I can remember  
Aunt Mary or Grandma  
Hartough - wasn't that Gran-  
dmac or our great Grand-  
mother's pitcher? Try to figure  
out with Aunt Sadies help how  
old that is? also quilt, do  
you know who pieced and  
quilted

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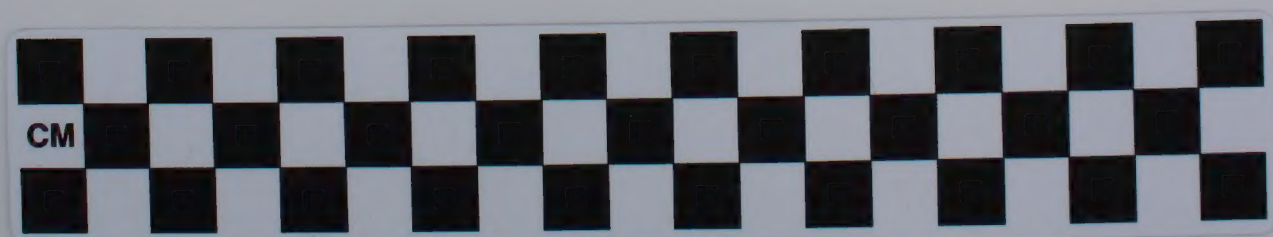
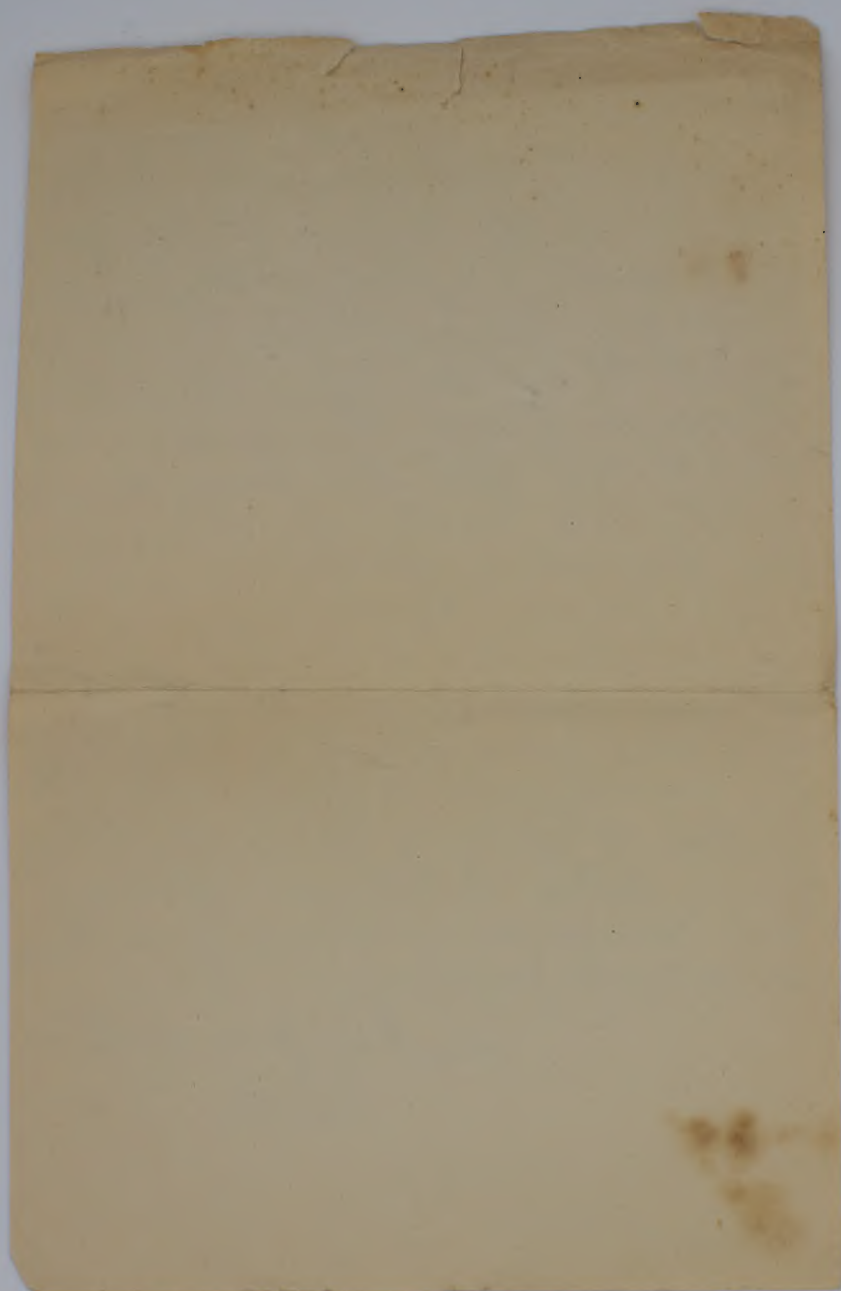
Dec 25-1912

My Katie:- Here its Christmas  
and Jack not home and he  
has a nice bunch of gifts  
that "Santa" left for him here.  
Don't you know you have no  
right to keep him there when  
I want him home for his  
vacation? Its too long to wait  
until his next vacation. So  
I'll expect a telegram telling  
what train he is coming home  
so to spend rest of vacation  
so you hustle him off.  
I've told you I'd pay half of  
his fare just to show you I  
wanted to do my part and what  
fair altho I know its was  
not necessary when you have  
so much money.

Hastily your sister  
Edith

This is a copy.

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Dear mother

I ~~am~~ ~~in~~

I wanted to tell you that I

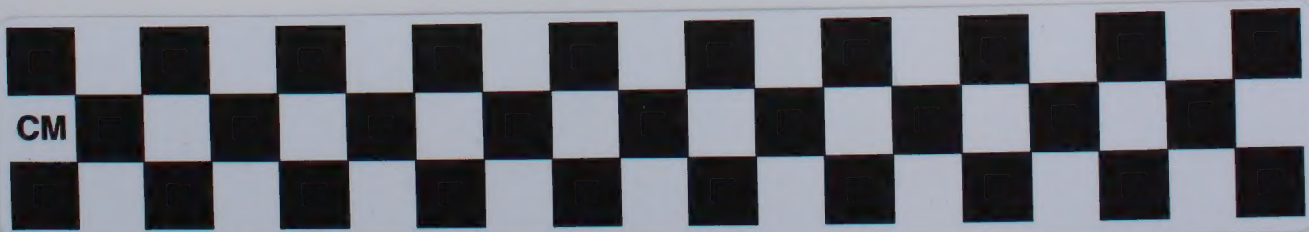
have been well

I have been to the ~~plunge~~ ~~day~~  
before ~~your~~ ~~seaside~~  
and ~~you~~ ~~will~~

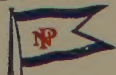
I love you

Love ~~you~~

Jack



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I m on the boat now  
I have a sack of plantains  
and I am going to resell  
papers this week maybe.

Love Jack

where is my ~~money~~ n.  
money in the the  
bank

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Sunday Evening

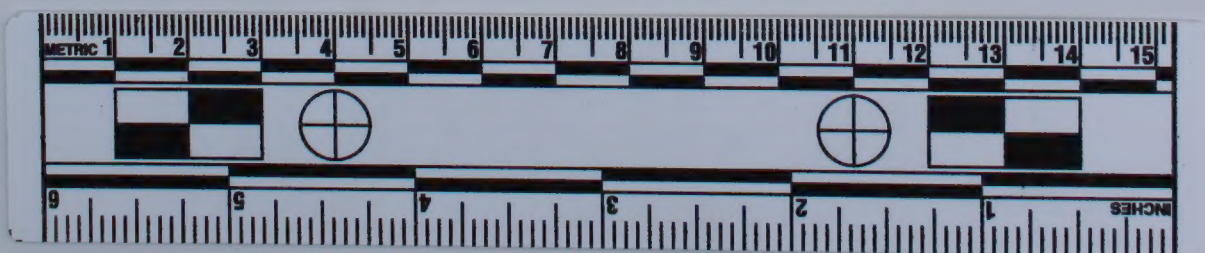
Dear Edith.

I have asked  
Jack to tell you about his  
birth day party & how he  
has gone surf bathing.  
He are on the Yale going  
back to San Francisco  
and will be in  
about 9 o'clock.

This pen is so miserable  
I can hardly write a  
word. With love

Walter

Jack thinks the boat  
fine. Wants to stay on it  
always he says.



San Francisco, Nov.12, 1912

My dear

I learn that you have sent some of your friends- those folks who call Jack a "bad boy" around to the school to see him. The school cannot be bothered with that sort of folks. We have taken him to upbuild him and try, so far as possible, to undo the wretched miserable work so manifest at the time I took him from you. The teachers say and others, that it was plain to be seen that he had never had any intelligent training whatever, but that there is fine material there and they expect to bring it out, but with what patience, love and time it will take! But we are hoping that soon all trace of the last six years errors may be obliterated. What must Jennie think of the wretched mess you have made of the whole thing? What do you expect her welcome for you to be? These are things for you to ponder over. I'll give you credit perhaps for wanting to do what was right, but you had no understanding of the child whatever, there was never any sympathy for him, but what you have to consider now is the FACTS of what he was when I took him, ~~for~~ and what is to be done for him now. I have got a job before me but I undertake it cheerfully for his sake, and the teachers are wonderfully kind to us. And for taking a child whose life you have all but ruined and that you may free your consciousness of the responsibility of having completed that ruination, I ask you what you are going to do to show your gratitude? The very least you could do is to have those papers cancelled. I am willing to take the responsibility, but it is one that no one else would undertake, I can assure you. I hope your good judgment will come to your rescue this time. Then you can commence all over again, and you can look for prosperity. I forgive everything, but we must now come to an understanding and have things straightened up so far as Jack is concerned. The other things, I leave to you-- in those there is no life concerned-- you certainly recognize that there is one at stake here. I want no interference, for at the best, I have my hands full. If you have the right spirit and love in your heart for the child you may extend your hand out-- you will find mine already there. I am sure that the day is coming when you will be proud to recognize him, <sup>and</sup> as Jack Miner. The teachers say he has the making of a fine man in him.

The "bad boy" was the name you applied to him as a baby. You knew nothing about and did not care to take the trouble to find out. Everything as I predicted has turned out as I said it would with you, but we can still be glad that it is not TOO LATE.

I am writing this in the spirit of love to all concerned, but the time has come for an understanding. When you have prayed over it and can assure yourself what Jennie's wish would be, write me at once. I shall await your reply.

With love,

